

*A1* protected zone 12 and prevent excessive pressure therein from creating undesired air leaks.

Page 10, line 5 through page 11, line 9, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

*A2* The preheater 44 conditions the air before it enters the three-stage air filter apparatus 18, which may be further described with reference to Fig. 2. As seen in Fig. 2, the three filters 20, 22, and 24 of the three-stage air filter apparatus 18, already discussed with reference to Fig. 1, are annular in shape and coaxially arranged, with filter 20 being dimensioned to be insertable into filter 22 which, in turn, is dimensioned so as to be insertable into filter 24. The filters 20, 22, and 24 are radial flow types, wherein air enters the inner (filter 20) diameter area and flows radially outward through the larger (filter 24) diameter surface. The first filter 20 has a typical outer diameter of twelve (12) inches and has a typical length of 10 inches. The first filter is a pleated-medium which filters and removes particles of at least a first or relatively small size. The second filter 22 filters and removes aerosols and particulates of a size which is less than the first size of the particles being removed by the first filter 20. The second filter 22 is selected of a material, known in the art, for removing solid and aerosol chemical, biological and radiological contaminants. The third filter 24 comprises a gas adsorber which removes gases. The third filter 24 contains activated charcoal (asym-teda charcoal (chromium free)) selected, in a manner known in the art, for removing chemical warfare gases. The placement of the three-stage air filter apparatus 18 and further details thereof within a system, such as that of system 10, may be further described in reference to Fig. 3.

Page 11, lines 10-16, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

*A3* Fig. 3 illustrates one three-stage air filter apparatus 18 further having a gas cover 46 that is placed over the third filter 24 and a NEPA cover 48 which is placed